



STUDENT HANDOUT: DESIGN YOUR OWN CARTOUCHE!

A Hieroglyphic Alphabet

Around 3000 B.C. Egyptians began to use some hieroglyphs to stand for sounds. Here are the 24 hieroglyphs that made up that phonetic system:

	a (aleph)		h (emphatic h)		ch
	i or y		k (soft kh: German <i>ich</i>)		d
	i or y		k (hard kh: German <i>ach</i>)		j
	a (ayin)				
	w or u		z	Some Alternate Forms	
	b		s		
	p		sh		
	f		k (q without u: <i>qaf</i>)		
	m				
	n		k		n
	r		g		m
	h		t		w